



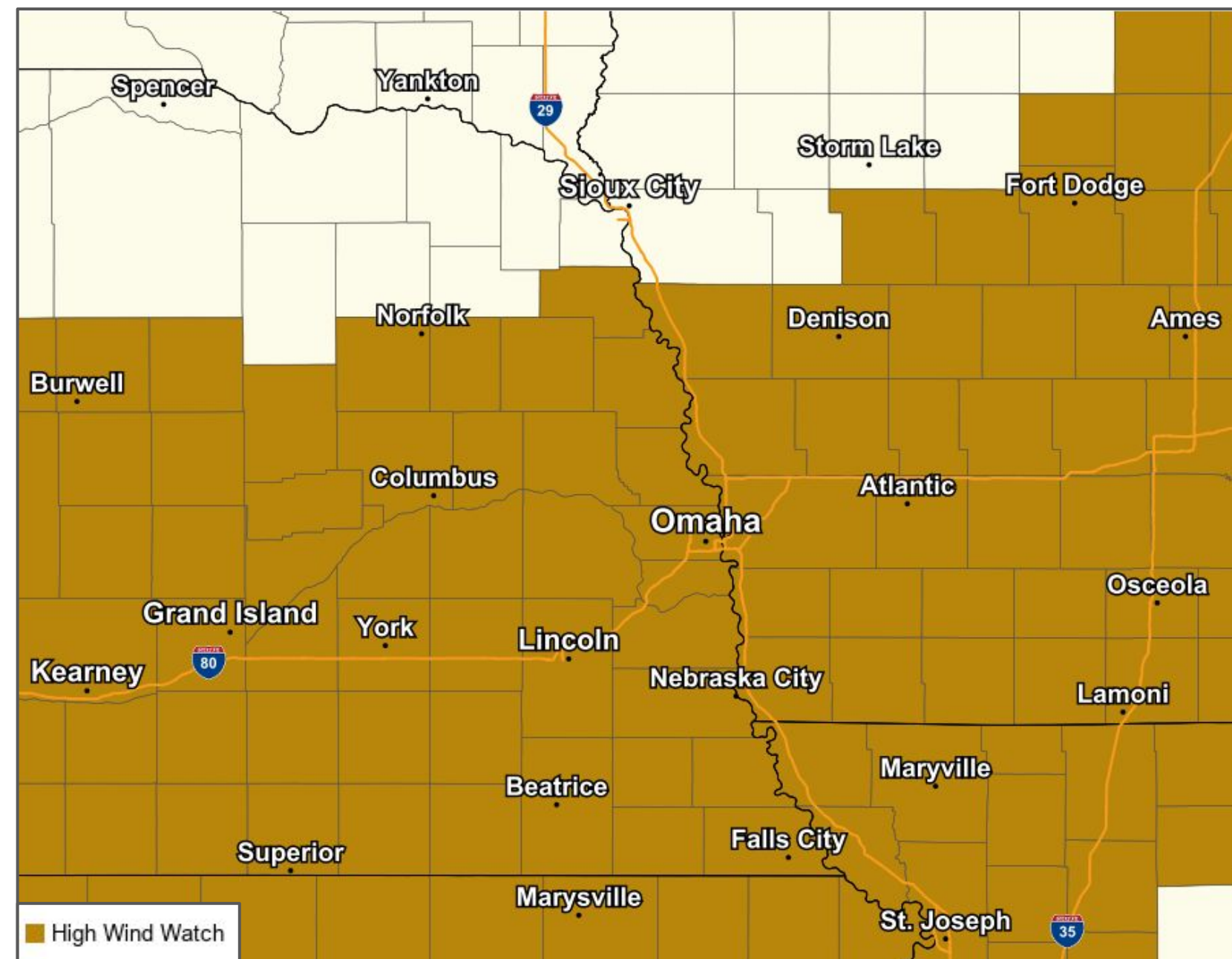
Multiple Hazards Possible Wednesday

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Make Sure You Are Weather Aware This Week

Key Messages

- Damaging winds are expected Wednesday, December 15th.
- Wind gusts from 50 to 70 mph will be possible, isolated gusts to 75 mph could occur.
- Very High and possibly Extreme fire danger will exist along and south of I-80, where the driest conditions exist.
- Severe storms may develop between 1 PM to 8 PM. Damaging winds and a few tornadoes are possible.
- Record warm temperatures expected.





Very Strong Winds Wednesday

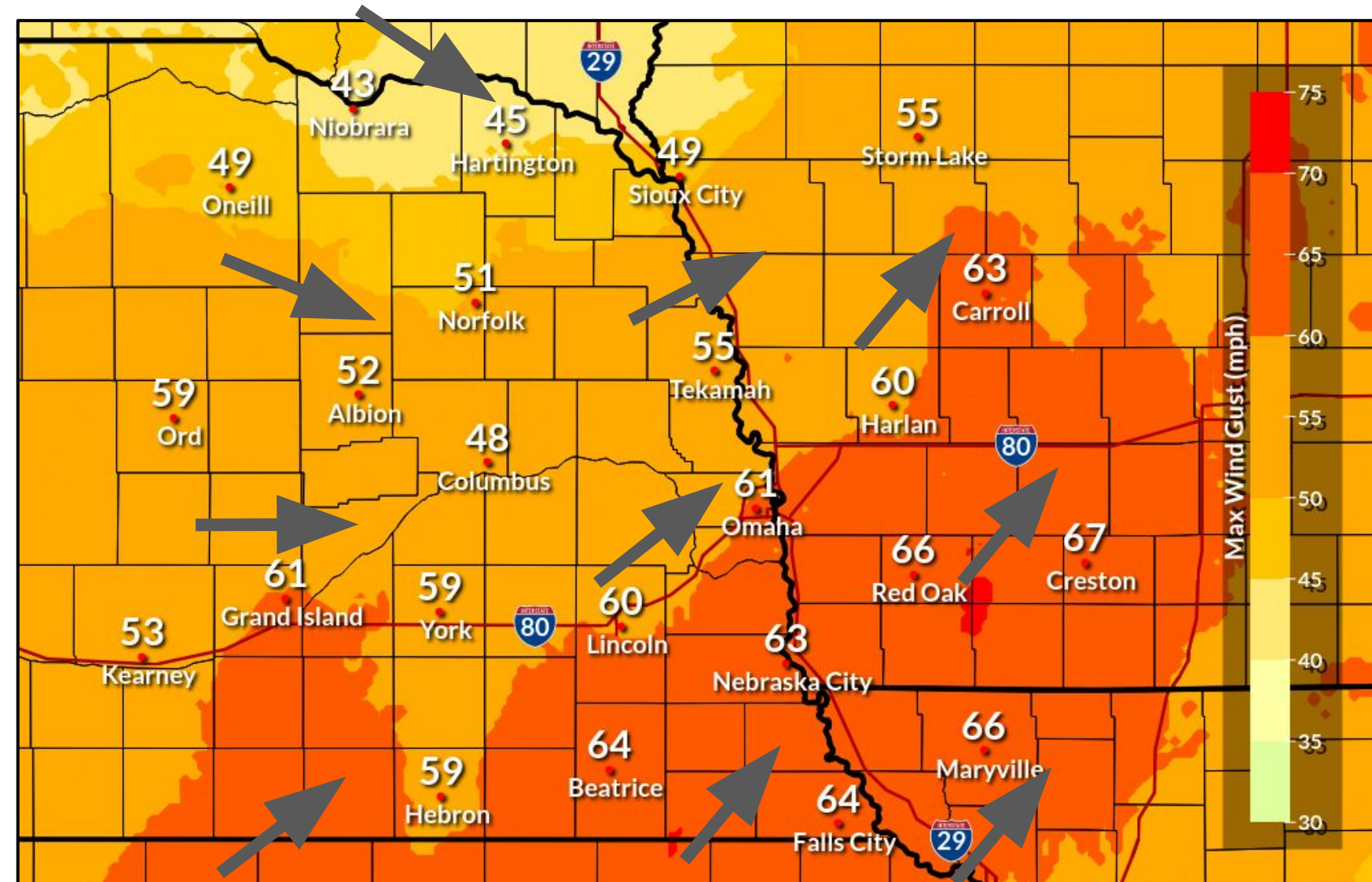
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Event Details

- Strong southwesterly wind gusts are expected to increase Wednesday, December 15.
- A High Wind Watch is currently in effect Wednesday **10 AM through 9 PM**.
- Widespread wind gusts from 50 to 70 mph will be possible, isolated gusts to 75 mph could occur.

Impacts

- **Damage to trees and power lines likely.** Some damage to structures could also occur.
- High profile vehicles will encounter very difficult travel, especially on I-29.
- Unsecured outdoor furniture, holiday decorations, and other loose objects are likely to get blown away.





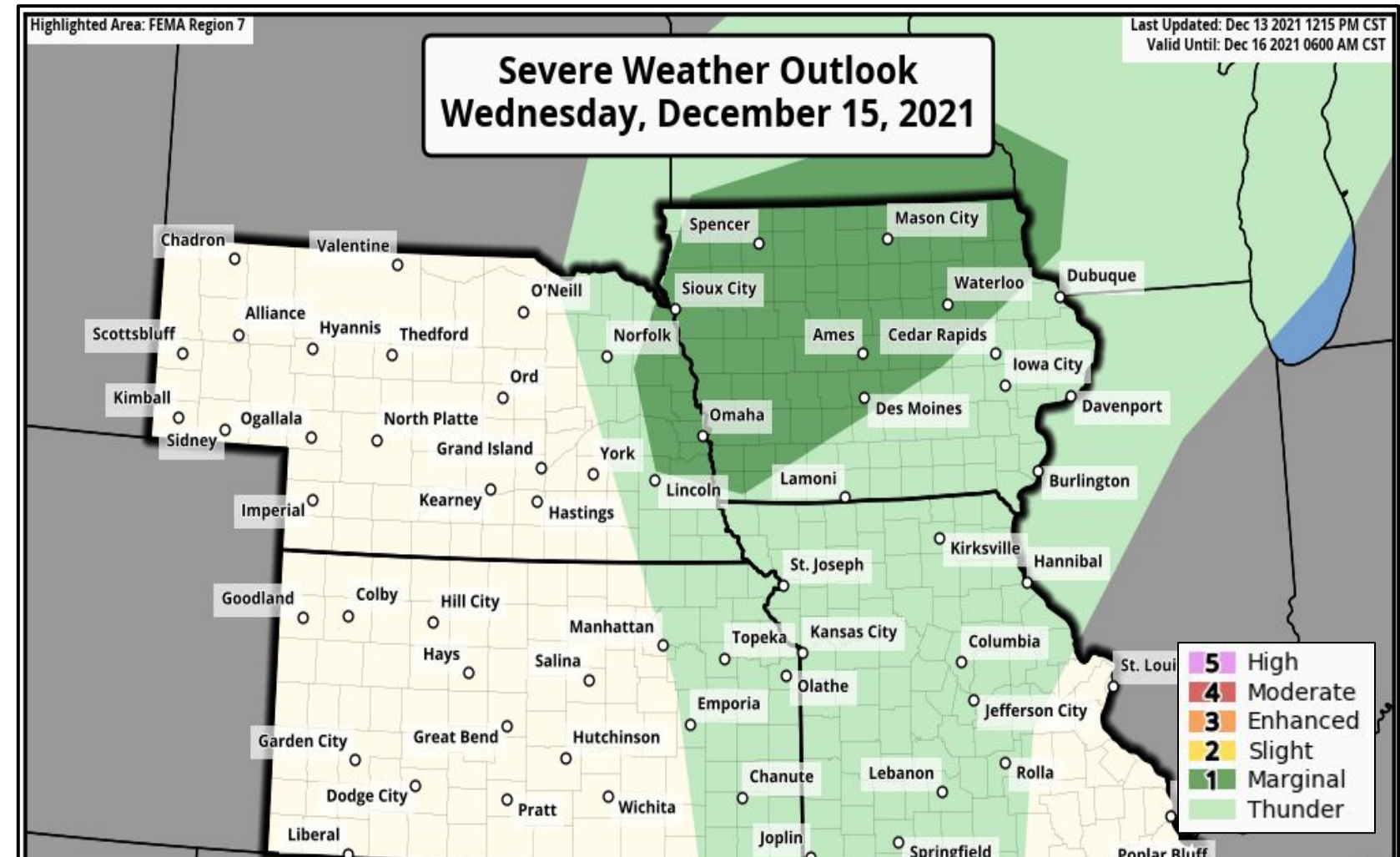
Severe Storms Possible

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Short-Lived Severe Weather Threat Wednesday Afternoon

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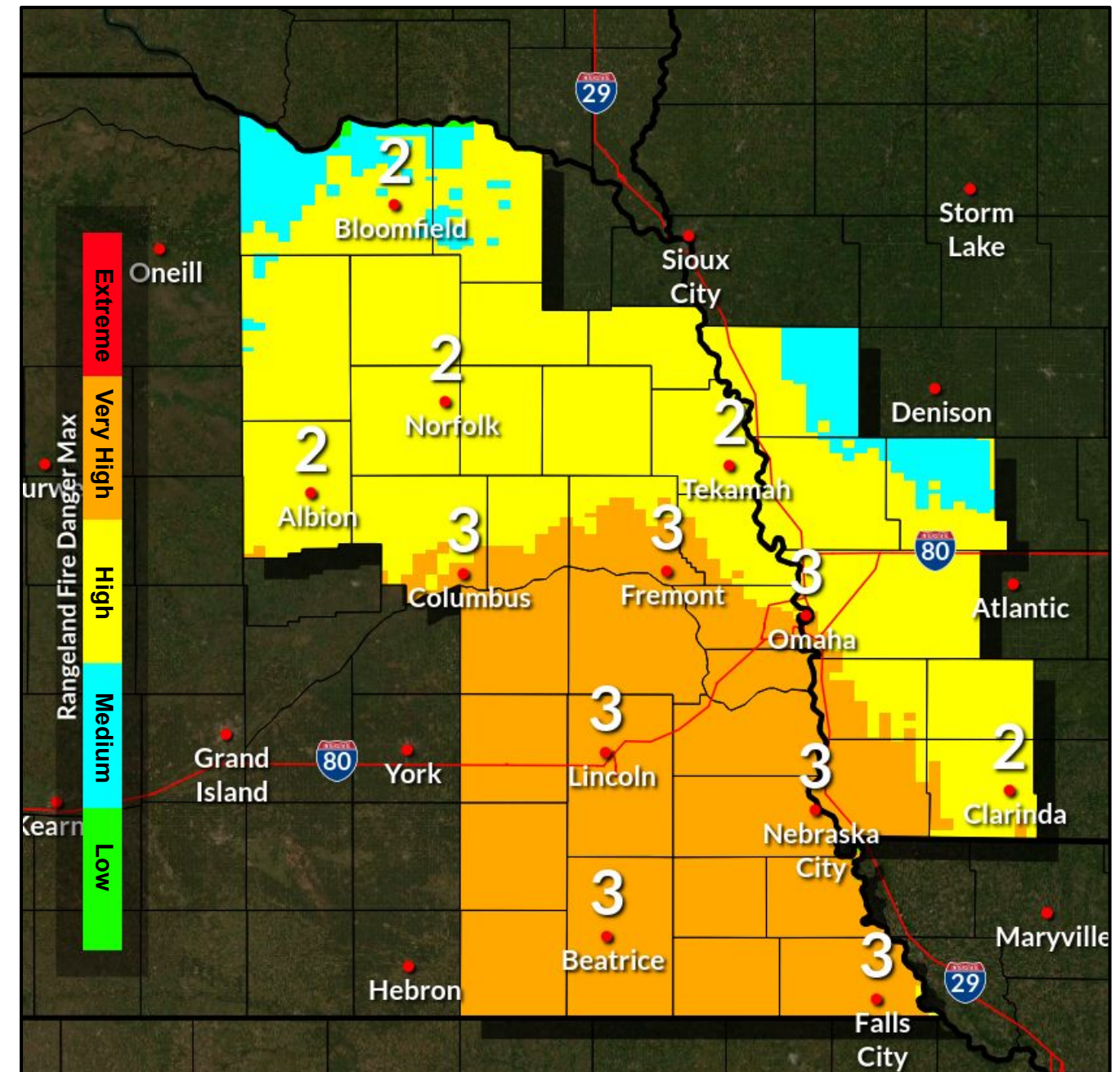
- There is a marginal risk of severe storms during the afternoon and early evening.
- Increasing chance for severe thunderstorms. The primary timing for these is from **1 PM to 8 PM**.
- If storms develop, they would be very fast moving, likely 60 mph or faster.
- Damaging winds are the primary threat **with wind gusts greater than 70 mph and a few tornadoes**.
- Any storms may continue well after dark. This is a rare scenario in December.





Max Rangeland Fire Danger Index

- The combination of warm temperatures, very strong winds, and low humidity will cause areas of very high and possibly extreme fire danger.
- Afternoon highs in the 60s to lower 70s
- Wind gusts from 50 to 70 mph will be possible, isolated gusts to 75 mph could occur.
- Lowest RH will be behind a front with a southwesterly wind shift, and dry air may persist into the evening.
- Fires may be very hard to control during the afternoon and early evening hours on Wednesday.
- Outdoor burning should be avoided.





Record Warm Temperatures

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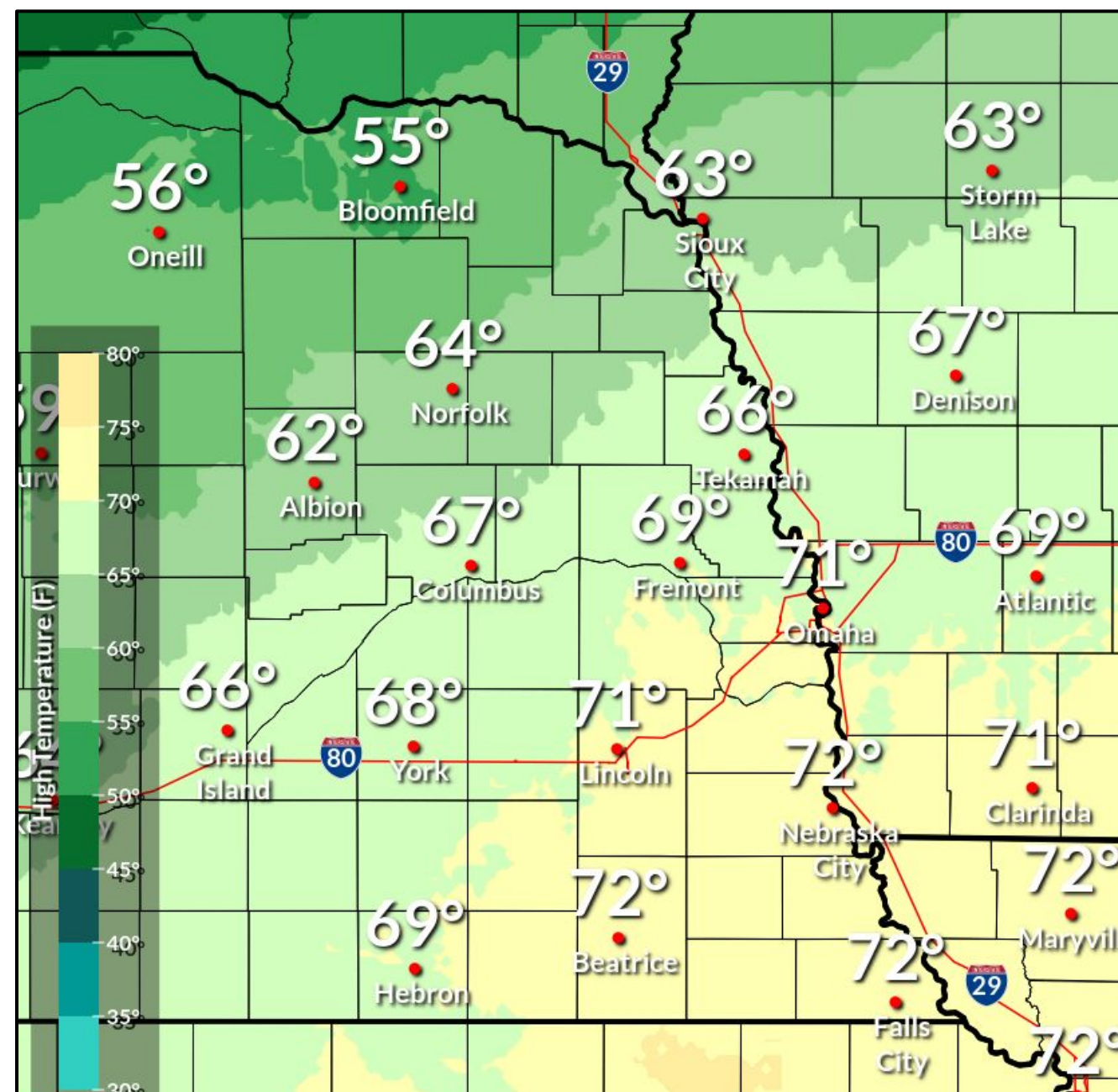
Maximum Temperature Forecast for Wednesday

Key Messages

- Very warm, record breaking temperatures are forecast across most of the area.
- These values would be near all-time highs for the month of December at Lincoln and Omaha.

Current Record Highs for December 15

- Norfolk, NE 64° in 2002
- Lincoln, NE 64° in 2002
- Omaha, NE 61° in 2002





Points to Remember

- Secure loose outdoor items. Bring holiday decorations inside if possible.
- Avoid burning south of I-80.
- High-profile vehicles should use extreme caution.

Additional Resources

- [NWS Omaha Web Page](#)
- [Weather Safety](#)

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